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HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT IN NORTH BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the strength and capacity of Hydro Electric Project, Kataiyya in North Bihar;

(b) whether it is not functioning now;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is a long standing demand to construct a high power plant (Hydro and electric) by using water from Koshi river; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government on the demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The installed capacity of Kataiyya Hydro-electric Project (4x4.8 MW) ofBihar State Electricity Board, located in Birpur, Distt. Supaul in Bihar, is 4x4.8 MW =19.2 MW. However, the project is not running to its full generation capacity due to heavy siltation. At present, two units are functioning and two units are shut down for capital maintenance.

(d) & (e) : Sapta Koshi High Dam Project proposed to be implemented on Koshiriver in Nepal is a hydro-electric project involving mutual cooperation between India and Nepal. An Inception Report which defines the scope of field works, investigations andstudies to be conducted jointly by India and Nepal for preparation of Detailed ProjectReport for Sapta Koshi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage cumDiversion Scheme has been agreed to by the Joint Team of Experts.An amount of Rs.30 crore has been provided in the 10th Plan for setting up of the Joint Project Office to takeup field investigations/studies and preparation of Joint Detailed Project Report in respect of these schemes.